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PARK POOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED FOR SUMMER 2015

Due to budgetary constraints, swimming pools at Chemin-A-Haut, Lake Bistineau, Lake D'Arbonne and North Toledo Bend state parks will not open for summer 2015. The closure does not impact the wave pool at Bayou Segnette State Park in Westwego or water playgrounds at other parks, and beach swimming will still be available.

"My office has been hit, repeatedly and disproportionately, with midyear budget cuts, and unfortunately the majority of these cuts fall on state parks," Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne said. "Louisiana families and visitors alike will unfortunately be feeling the impact of these cuts."

Wave pool

The Bayou Segnette State Park wave pool opens Memorial Day weekend, and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays through Sundays, with a fee of \$10 per adult and \$8 per child under 4 feet tall.

Water playgrounds

Bogue Chitto in Franklinton, Chicot in Ville Platte, Fontainebleau in Mandeville, Lake Bruin in St. Joseph, Lake Fausse Pointe near St. Martinville, Palmetto Island near Abbeville, Poverty Point Reservoir in Delhi, St. Bernard in Braithwaite and Tickfaw in Springfield have water playground facilities for children. The playgrounds are open daily, April 1 through Sept. 30, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Beach swimming

State parks with designated beach swimming areas include Bogue Chitto, Cypremort Point east of Franklin, Fontainebleau, Grand Isle, Jimmie Davis in Chatham, Lake Bruin, Lake Claiborne in Homer, Poverty Point Reservoir and South Toledo Bend near Anacoco. All beach areas are open daily but do not have lifeguard supervision.

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